

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled, and claim 1 has been amended. The application now includes claims 1, 2, 7-11 and 17-18.


Claim 1, prior to the decision, set forth in the alternative, the embodiments set forth in claims 3 and 4. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended to require the feature of now canceled claim 4, and excludes the feature of now canceled claim 3. All remaining claims depend on claim 1.

Given the Decision on Petition and the amendment above, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1, 2, 7-11, and 17-18 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,


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